

Rep. Dennis Kucinich, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Domestic Policy of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform today sent a letter to the Center for Medicaid and State Operations outlining the findings of a survey conducted by the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee Majority Staff found that:

(1)The percentage of children enrolled in Medicaid without dental services for four consecutive years between 2003 and 2006 ranged between 25 and 31 percent across all states and MCO's surveyed;

(2)Only between two and nine dentists performed 50 percent of all services rendered to children enrolled in Medicaid in FY 2006 in all jurisdictions and among all MCOs examined, and

(3)The dental provider networks surveyed are marginally better than United's network in Prince George's County but still far from adequate.

The Subcommittee's survey is an expansion of its 2007 investigation into United HealthCare's dental claims and provider network in Prince George's County, Maryland.

The full text of the letter is below.

Documents and Links

- [Kucinich letter to Center for Medicaid & State Operations](#)
- [Response from Herb B. Kuhn, Acting Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations](#)